

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Johnson, are there...is there another or more than just the City of Omaha that has an authority to which you are referring in this bill? Omaha is the only one?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: This is unique to Douglas County, Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, that was my question. This only pertains to Douglas County.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Right.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the bill? Senator Johnson, you may close.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I know I haven't adequately explained this bill, Mr. President. I guess the reason why is because it is a fairly complicated, technical bill. But the Revenue Committee heard a very careful and full explanation of the measure from both Jerry Prazen, for the City of Omaha, and again from Henry Wendt who represents the Land Reutilization Authority in Omaha. His testimony was essentially neutral, but very informative. In the end this particular measure was seen by the Revenue Committee as a meaningful and significant measure to effectively protect taxing units from an unfortunate wash or forgiveness of very large special assessments through the meritorious Land Reutilization Authority. At this time I would move for the advancement of LB 819.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to advance LB 819. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. May we have the attention of the membership to the motion on the floor and that is to advance LB 819. Please record your vote. Have you all recorded your vote? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 811.